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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ASSESSES THE BEGIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: MOSCOW 10462

SUMMARY: THE SOVIET PRESS HAS FOLLOWED THEIR NEGATIVE COMMENTS AT THE START OF THE BEGIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON (REFTEL) WITH EQUALLY NEGATIVE ASSESSMENTS OF THE VISIT AT ITS END. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS PREDICTABLY PRODUCED VERY NEGATIVE COMMENTARIES ON THE RESULTS OF THE BEGIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON. PRAVDA'S YEVGENIY RUSAKOV WRITING IN THE COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN JULY 22 GIVES THE MOST COMPLETE ASSESSMENT. ACCORDING TO RUSAKOV THE VISIT CONFIRMED THE "ANNEXATIONIST COURSE" OF THE

BEGIN GOVERNMENT SINCE BEGIN CATEGORICALLY REJECTED BOTH ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK AND THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN STATE. THE AUTHOR CHARACTERIZES BEGIN'S PEACE PLAN AS AN ATTEMPT TO "SABOTAGE" A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE ME PROBLEM.

2. PRESIDENT CARTER, ACCORDING TO RUSAKOV, ADMITTED THE GREAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND ARAB POSITIONS, BUT NEVERTHELESS ADOPTED A PRO-ISRAELI POSITION. IZVESTIYA'S STURUA FROM WASHINGTON WRITES THAT DESPITE THE "EMBARRASSING POSITION" IN WHICH THE BEGIN VISIT HAS PUT THE U.S., THE ZIONIST LOBBIES AND SELFISH U.S. RULING CIRCLES ARE GIVING A POSITIVE ASSESSMENT TO THE VISIT.

3. BOTH ARTICLES ARE STRONG IN THEIR CONDEMNATION OF "BEGIN'S REFUSAL TO ENVISAGE IN ANY FORM WHATSOEVER" (PRAVDA) PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. RUSAKOV IN PRAVDA GOES ON TO CLAIM THAT THE "WHITE HOUSE" SUPPORTED HIS POSITION. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THE TALKS HAVE AGAIN SHOWN THAT THE ME POLICIES OF WASHINGTON "HAVE NOT ESCAPED FROM THE IMPASSE." MEANWHILE OTHER TASS REPORTS ARE HIGHLIGHTING REACTIONS FROM THE WORLD PRESS WHICH SUPPORT THE CONTENTION THAT THE BEGIN VISIT HAS DONE NOTHING TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF ME PEACE. TOON
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